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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-20. (canceled)

21. (previously presented) A fishing pole, comprising:

a rod portion including eyelets for use in supporting a fishing line;

a handle portion having a hollow interior space;

a vibrating assembly mounted within the hollow interior space of the handle portion which, when activated, causes vibration to be initiated within the handle portion; and

wherein the vibrating assembly is not physically connected to the supported fishing line and comprises:

a motor having a rotating shaft; and

an eccentric member mounted to, and rotated by, the shaft, the eccentric member positioned within the hollow interior space of the handle portion.

22. (canceled)

23. (previously presented) The fishing pole of claim 21 wherein the eccentric member comprises a cam.

24. (previously presented) The fishing pole of claim 21 further including an actuating means associated with the handle portion for actuating the vibrating assembly.

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25. (currently amended) A handle for a fishing pole, comprising:
a hollow interior space within the handle;
a vibrating assembly mounted within the hollow interior space of the handle portion which, when activated, causes vibration to be initiated within the handle itself; and
wherein the vibrating assembly does not directly actuate any [a] fishing line which is supported by the fishing pole and comprises:
a motor having a rotating shaft; and
an eccentric member mounted to, and rotated by, the shaft to effectuate the vibration within the handle, the eccentric member positioned within the hollow interior space of the handle.

26. (canceled)

27. (previously presented) The handle of claim 25 wherein the eccentric member comprises a cam.

28. (previously presented) The handle of claim 25 further including an actuating means associated with the handle for actuating the vibrating assembly.

29-39. (canceled)

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40. (currently amended) A fish luring system, comprising:

a fishing pole having a rod portion and a handle portion, said rod portion having a first end and a second end and a longitudinally extending channel, said handle portion being mounted to said second end of said rod portion, said handle portion having an interior space in communication with said longitudinally extending channel;

a plurality of spaced-apart eyelets being mounted on said rod portion for supporting a fishing line;

a vibrating assembly that does not ~~include means for causing movement of~~ directly actuate the supported fishing line comprising:

a motor adapted for rotational movement, said motor being mounted in said interior space of said handle portion;

a shaft being rotatably coupled to and extending from said motor;

an eccentric member mounted to said shaft for vibratory rotation within said fishing pole, wherein the eccentric member is positioned within the interior space of the handle portion to cause vibration which initiates within the handle portion;

a power supply for selectively providing power to said motor, said power supply being mounted in said interior space of said handle portion, said power supply being electrically connected to said motor; and

a switch for selectively controlling said motor.

41-42. (canceled)

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43. (previously presented) A fishing pole, comprising:
a rod portion having an axially extending hollow cavity;
a handle portion having a hollow interior space; and
a vibrating assembly comprising:

a motor mounted within the hollow interior space of the handle portion, the motor having a rotating shaft which extends into the hollow cavity of the rod portion; and

an eccentric member mounted to the shaft at a position within the hollow cavity of the rod portion, the eccentric member being rotated by the shaft to cause vibration to be initiated within the rod portion, wherein the eccentric member engages an interior surface of the hollow cavity of the rod portion to induce vibratory movement of the rod portion.

44. (previously presented) The fishing pole of claim 43, wherein the eccentric member comprises a cam.

45. (previously presented) The fishing pole of claim 43, further including an actuating means associated with the handle portion for actuating the vibrating assembly.

46. (previously presented) The fishing pole of claim 45 wherein the shaft portion has a distal end, the rotating shaft extending proximate to the distal end, the eccentric member mounted to the shaft at a position within the hollow cavity proximate to the distal end, and the eccentric member engaging the interior surface of the hollow cavity of the rod portion proximate the distal end to cause vibration to be initiated at the distal end of the rod portion.

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47. (currently amended) A fishing pole, comprising:
a handle end;
a tip end including at least one eyelet for supporting a fishing line; and
a vibrating assembly positioned in an axially extending hollow cavity at the handle end of the fishing pole which, when activated, causes vibration to be initiated at the handle end of the fishing pole to effectuate vibration of the fishing pole but does not itself physically touch or move the supported fishing line; and
wherein the vibrating assembly comprises:
a motor having a rotating shaft; and
an eccentric member mounted to, rotated by, and solely connected to, the rotating shaft to effectuate the vibration which is initiated at the handle end.

48. (previously presented) The fishing pole of claim 47, wherein the eccentric member comprises a cam.

49. (previously presented) The fishing pole of claim 47, further including an actuating means for actuating the vibrating assembly.

50. (previously presented) The fishing pole of claim 47, wherein the vibration of the fishing pole effectuates vibration of a fishing line coupled to the fishing pole.

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51. (previously presented) A fishing pole, comprising:
a handle end;
a tip end for supporting a fishing line coupled to the fishing pole; and
a vibrating assembly positioned in an axially extending hollow cavity at the handle end of the fishing pole which, when activated, causes vibration to be initiated at the handle end of the fishing pole to effectuate vibration of the fishing pole; and
wherein the vibrating assembly comprises:
a motor having a rotating shaft; and
an eccentric member mounted to, and rotated by, the rotating shaft to effectuate the vibration which is initiated at the handle end, wherein the eccentric member does not include means for making physical contact with the fishing line for the purpose of moving the fishing line.

52. (previously presented) The fishing pole of claim 51, wherein the eccentric member comprises a cam.

53. (previously presented) The fishing pole of claim 51, further including an actuating means for actuating the vibrating assembly.

54. (previously presented) The fishing pole of claim 51, wherein the vibration of the fishing pole effectuates vibration of the fishing line coupled to the fishing pole.

55. (previously presented) The fishing pole of claim 24 further comprising:
a protruding member extending from the handle portion, the protruding member being adapted for selectively supporting a finger of a user; and
wherein the actuating means is mounted on the protruding member.

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56. (previously presented) The fishing pole of claim 24 further wherein the actuating means is mounted to the handle portion in a position such that the actuating means is operable by a finger of a user.

57. (previously presented) The fishing pole of claim 53 further comprising:
a protruding member extending from the handle end, the protruding member being adapted for selectively supporting a finger of a user; and
wherein the actuating means is mounted on the protruding member.

58. (previously presented) The fishing pole of claim 53, wherein the actuating means is mounted to the handle end in a position such that the actuating means is operable by a finger of a user.